

United States. Having in my Executive message expressed my own views, and, as I confidently believe, those of our constituents, deem it unnecessary to do more than submit this proposed amendment to the Constitution to your deliberate and wise consideration.

ODEN BOWIE.

Which were severally read.

Also, the following message together with the accompanying papers :

STATE OF MARYLAND, }  
EXECUTIVE MANSION, }  
ANNAPOLIS, January 18, 1870. }

*Gentlemen of the House of Delegates:*

I herewith transmit to you a communication from his Excellency, the Governor of the State of New York, accompanying the official copy of the Resolutions of the Legislature of the State of New York receding from the adoption of the proposed 15th Amendment of the Constitution of the United States, be placed on file after they are duly considered by your Honorable Body.

ODEN BOWIE.

Which were severally read.

And on motion of Mr. Merrick,

Referred to the Committee on Federal Relations.

The Speaker laid before the House the report of the Building Committee of the new Insane Hospital :

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Mr. Ritter presented the petition of Mary Elkins, Caroline E. Montgomery, Anna E. Staley, Deborah M. Knouff and Susanna Green, praying for pensions,

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Streett presented the petition of Jacob Bradenbaugh, Sr., and Charles Gorsuch, to be placed on the pension list,

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Brattan presented the petition of G. H. Rowe and 95 other tax-payers and voters of Tangier District in Somerset county, praying for a repeal of the prohibitory liquor law in said District.

Which was read and referred to Messrs. Brattan, Lankford and Purnell.

Mr. Neill presented the petition of Joseph Leggett, Jo-